Welcome back. Hope you feel better. Sorry to miss you in Denver. Turns out that I am headed out tomorrow am, returning Thursday night but I'll see you all day Friday.

After sending this email, I did figure out by looking at the Table in the draft rules, that you guys decided not to adopt a numeric chl-a criterion. I think that is a super smart move for a variety of reasons.

I do have some comments on the Site Specific Criteria section—no show stoppers, mainly ways to clarify the point. We can discuss them later this week or next week.

Feel free to call me on my cell if you want to chat. In case you haven't heard from George or Eric, I think we resolved the downstream use protection issue which is great!

Tina

From: Suplee, Mike [mailto:msuplee@mt.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 11:27 AM
To: Laidlaw, Tina
Subject: RE: Chl-a

Hi Tina;

I wont be going to Denver as I got sick and lost my voice towards the end of my vacation (and no, Rosie and I were not partying in a Vegas casino until 4 in the morning). Anyway, I needed time to get better and be on my A game for Friday so am staying here in Helena.

As it turned out from the last NWG meeting, the group seemed more inclined towards leaving benthic Chla out of the rule package so that is what we did. Given that we have detailed assessment methodology for Chla, a clear threshold, etc. it appeared to all of us that it would make little practical difference. We did keep phytoplankton chl a for Flathead lake however as that is an important lake-specific target (we are no proposing primary productivity for Flathead at this time due to too many complications with it).

I should be in the office tomorrow (Tuesday) getting ready for WPCAC and the NWG meetings on Friday. Let me know if there are any high-priority issues you want to discuss before then.

Mike

From: Laidlaw, Tina [Laidlaw.Tina@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 4:20 PM
To: Suplee, Mike
Subject: Chl-a

Mike,

Wondering what you are thinking about chl-a as a numeric criterion? If you plan to leave it as a narrative, disregard this email. If you want to pursue adopting it as a narrative, we'll want to make sure we have a TSD describing the basis for the criterion (using your response to comments as a starting point perhaps).

I just don't want to forget to talk to you about this one..

Tina